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L 1. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON ZHIVKOV'S PRAGUE VISIT, OCTOBER 19-20 THROWS LITTLE LIGHT ON TRIP MOTIVATION . CONSIDERING ZHIVKOV'S FORTHCOMING VISITS MONGOLIA, NORTH KOREA, POLAND AND HUNGARY, DEPARTMENT INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT ZHIVKOV HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED BY BREZHNEV (AS IN 1966) WITH DRUMMING UP SUPPORT FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. THE NORTH KOREAN FACTOR MENTIONED REFTEL ALSO A POSSIBILITY. IN ADDITION, ZHIVKOV MAY HAVE BRIEFED HUSAK ON MACEDONIA IN VIEW OF LATTER'S OCTOBER 23-26 VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. THIS HISTORIC ISSUE IS AGAIN BREWING BETWEEN
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SOFIA AND BELGRADE. CZECHOSLOVAK FONMIN CHNOUPEK DURING BELGRADE VISIT LAST MARCH CAVED IN APOLOGETICALLY TO THE YUGOSLAVS AFTER RUDE PRAVO PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE

SUPPORTING BULGARIA'S POSITION. KISSINGER

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